

Rapid Transit Celebration Committee

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Committee

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1913.

## BLAME BAD LATIN ON JEWELLER.

**Queens Committee Say They Had  
No Proof of Erring Medal.**

Charles B. Wilkinson, manufacturing jeweller of 42 John street, is to blame for the Latin error that crept upon the bronze medals distributed Saturday in Long Island City, say the committeemen who had charge of the celebration of rapid transit in Queens.

An "A" for an "E" marred the city seal on the medals. The legend as printed was "Sigillum Civitatis Novi Aborac" and the last word should have read "Eborac," which is short for Eborac, genitive case of Eboracum. "Seal of the City of New York" is the translation.

Walter L. Willis of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, speaking for the committee which had the medal in charge, declared that no proof of the erring face of the medal was ever sent to the committee.

"Several of us saw the mistake at once when the medals were delivered just before the luncheon, but it was too late then to remedy matters," said Willis. "We decided to give out the mementos and we rather hoped that the slip would pass unnoticed. But THE SUN spotted it."

The American Numismatic Society said it would like to have one of the erring medals to add to its already large collection of blunders in gold, silver and bronze. There has been a steady succession of slips of the kind since the Bronze Age itself.

JUNE 7th  
DATE OF CELEBRATION—SATURDAY, MAY 17th 1913

# Rapid Transit Celebration Committee

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Long Island City, N. Y., June 12th, 1913

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American Numismatic Society,

Broadway & 156th Street,

New York City.

Gentlemen:-

We note from the New York Sun of June 9th that you are desirous of receiving one of the medals which was struck off to commemorate the occasion of our Celebration on June 7th. This medal had an error in the Latin inscription upon same which was the fault of the manufacturer.

We understand you have a very remarkable collection of medals that have similar errors and if you desire one of these we will be very glad to send it to you.

Yours very truly,



Secretary,

DATE OF CELEBRATION—SATURDAY, ~~MAY 17th~~ <sup>JUNE 7th</sup>, 1913

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Crimmins, John D.  
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Cassabeer, H. A.

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Ferguson, Frank L.

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Georgi, Charles H.  
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Griffiths, Eben  
Gill, Geo. H.

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Hanrahan, Edw.  
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LeCluse, Milton  
Low, Robeson L.

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Martin, Kingsley L.  
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McEwan, John D.  
McKnight, H. Stewart  
McKnight, A. M.  
McTigue, Andrew  
MacArthur, Arthur F.  
Moore, Clifford B.  
Moore, Harrison S.  
Morganthaler, F.  
Murname, James  
Mader, E. L.  
Manley, Lucius  
Moore, Benjamin  
Messenger, John

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O'Connell, Dr. M. F.  
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Piker, W. J.  
Riemer, John B.  
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Roe, Clinton, T.  
Ruppert, Jacob

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Sanders, Dr. Chas. W.  
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Streever, J. L.  
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Suydam, Bernard  
Sussdorf, Louis A.  
Searing, Martin R.  
Smith, George W.  
Schloo, Charles H.  
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Schraeder, Albert  
Smith, George W.  
Storm, Frederick  
Siebrecht, Wm. H.

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Thompson, Burton  
Thomas, Rupert  
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Tiffany, Louis  
Turner, A. E.  
Thompson, W. H.  
Trowbridge, Fred C.

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Vogel, Carl

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Weaver, Wm. E.  
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Wilkinson, James M.  
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Willis, Walter I.  
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Wood, W. O.  
Woodruff, Hon. Timothy L.  
Woodward, P. H.  
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June 18th, 1918.

Vr. Walter I. Willis, Secretary,  
Rapid Transit Celebration Committee,  
Bridge Plaza, Long Island City.

My dear Sir:-

Many thanks for your letter of June 12th. This Society would be very glad indeed to have one of the medals commemorating the celebration of June 7th. Have all of the medals the error in the latin inscription, or was it corrected after it was discovered? We are particularly interested in medals relating to New York City, and where there are varieties of the same medal we are very glad to have all the varieties. We have a very large collection of medals, and are always desirous of adding to it.

This Society's building is open every day from ten to five (Sundays one to five), and we would be very glad to have you call and look at our collection at any time that you desire to do so. I am sure you would find much of interest.

Thanking you again, I am,

Very truly yours,

Director.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
OF THE  
BOROUGH OF QUEENS

Long Island City, N. Y.  
June 14th, 1913.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,  
Director, The American Numismatic Society,  
156th St. West of Broadway,  
New York City.

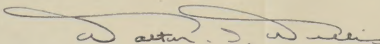
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 13th, we take pleasure in mailing you under separate cover one of the medals struck off to commemorate the commencement of Rapid Transit construction work in the Borough of Queens.

There were 300 of these medals made, all of which had the error in the spelling of the Latin word "Eboraci".

It will give me pleasure to accept your invitation and come in and see the collection at the rooms of your society.

Yours very truly,



Secretary.